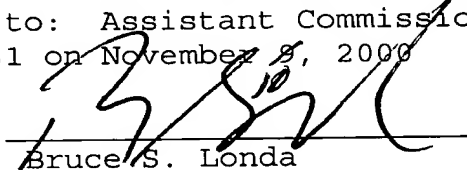


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FOR : Method for Detecting Microorganisms in Products

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 11 and add the following new claims.

12. A test kit for detecting microbial contaminations in non-sterile products, particularly according to GMP guidelines,

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